GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the value and quantity of thread imported during the last three years indicating the cost thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government propose to impose ban on import of thread;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken for protecting the interests of domestic textile industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) The imports are governed by market forces such as price, quality, availability and other parameters. The details of value and quantity of thread imported during the last three years are as under:

Qty in tonnes

Value in Rs. crores

	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
Items	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Cotton sewing thread	61.71	1.25	30.40	1.02	49.82	2.37
100% non-cotton sewing thread	111.38	1.86	120.39	3.72	124.36	4.02
Total	173.09	3.11	150.79	4.74	174.18	6.39

Source: DGCI & S, Kolkatta

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The import of almost all textile items have been allowed freely. The liberalised trading regime would result in increased international trade in textiles thus providing greater export opportunities; and at the same time expose the domestic industry to import penetration in the domestic market. The industry will have to improve its efficiency and productivity to meet the emerging global competition.

(e) Legal remedies in the form of anti-dumping duty, anti-subsidy duty and safeguards are available to protect domestic industry against unfair trade practices.